

REMARKS

Applicant expresses appreciation to the Examiner for consideration of the subject patent application. This response is in response to the Office Action mailed May 10, 2004. Claims 1-6 were rejected.

Claims 1-6 remain in the application.

Applicant notes that claims 1-6 were only rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting, and a terminal disclaimer is attached to overcome the rejections. Therefore, claims 1-6 are allowable.

Double Patenting

Claims 1-6 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over the claims of U.S. Patent Nos. 5,944,380; 6,086,149; 6,386,630; and 6,585,317. A terminal disclaimer is attached to overcome this rejection. The present application and U.S. Patent Nos. 5,944,380; 6,086,149; 6,386,630; and 6,585,317 are commonly owned.

CONCLUSION

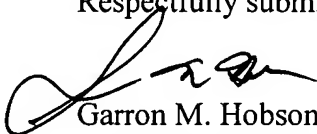
In light of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1-6 are in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicant requests that the rejection be withdrawn, and that the claims be allowed and passed to issue. If any impediment to the allowance of these claims remains after entry of this Response, the Examiner is strongly encouraged to call Garron M. Hobson at (801) 566-6633 so that such matters may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Check No. 20024, in the amount of \$55.00, is enclosed for the terminal disclaimer fee.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or to credit any overpayment in connection with this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 20-0100.

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